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International application No. PCT/EP2004/008409	International filing date (day/month/year) 27/07/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 28/07/2003	
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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b.  With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2.  Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3.  Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

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6. With regards to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 2

as suggested by the applicant.

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as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b.  none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
IPC 7 G06F9/46

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC 7 G06F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)  
EPO-Internal, INSPEC

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	CZAJKOWSKI K ET AL: "Grid information services for distributed resource sharing" PROCEEDINGS 10TH IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HIGH PERFORMANCE DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING IEEE COMPUT. SOC LOS ALAMITOS, CA, USA, 'Online! August 2001 (2001-08), XP002308029 ISBN: 0-7695-1296-8 Retrieved from the Internet: URL: <a href="http://www.globus.org/research/papers/MDS-HPDC.pdf">http://www.globus.org/research/papers/MDS-HPDC.pdf</a> <retrieved on 2004-11-24!> page 4 - page 8 page 10, right-hand column, paragraph 9 page 6; figure 4 page 7; figure 5	1-3,5-7
Y	page 5 - page 8 page 10, right-hand column, paragraph 9 ----- -/--	4,8

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Y	<p>WAANANEN A ET AL: "An overview of an architecture proposal for a high energy physics Grid" APPLIED PARALLEL COMPUTING. ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING. 6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, PARA 2002. PROCEEDINGS (LECTURE NOTES IN COMPUTER SCIENCE VOL.2367) SPRINGER-VERLAG BERLIN, GERMANY, June 2002 (2002-06), pages 76-86, XP002306966 ISBN: 3-540-43786-X page 80; figure 1</p>	4,8
A	<p>D. LEE, J. DONGARRA, R.S. RAMAKRISHNA: "VisPerf: Monitoring Tool for Grid Computing" June 2003 (2003-06), , XP002308033 Retrieved from the Internet: URL:http://icl.cs.utk.edu/projectsfiles/net solve/pubs/visperf.pdf&gt; the whole document</p>	1-8
A	<p>B. TIERNEY ET AL: "White Paper: A Grid Monitoring Service Architecture (DRAFT)" February 2001 (2001-02), , XP002308034 Retrieved from the Internet: URL:http://citeseer.ist.psu.edu/530951.htm 1&gt; the whole document</p>	1-8
A	<p>ALLCOCK W ET AL: "GridMapper: a tool for visualizing the behavior of large-scale distributed systems" PROCEEDINGS 11TH IEEE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HIGH PERFORMANCE DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING IEEE COMPUT. SOC PISCATAWAY, NJ, USA, July 2002 (2002-07), pages 179-187, XP002308031 ISBN: 0-7695-1686-6 the whole document</p>	1-8
A	<p>VON LASZEWSKI G ET AL: "Designing Grid-based problem solving environments and portals" PROCEEDINGS OF THE 34TH ANNUAL HAWAII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SYSTEM SCIENCES IEEE COMPUT. SOC LOS ALAMITOS, CA, USA, January 2001 (2001-01), page 10 pp., XP002308032 ISBN: 0-7695-0981-9 the whole document</p>	1-8